

Elba Chamber of Commerce holds annual membership banquet

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Chamber of Commerce held the annual membership banquet Thursday evening, Sept. 14, at the Elba Recreation Center.

Doris Matthews, 2006 chamber board president, welcomed everyone to the banquet and said she believed this year's attendance was the largest ever with more than 200 people.

Following a catered meal, Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce introduced the 2007 chamber officers and directors.

The 2007 officers will include: Denise Sauls, president; Eddie Vaughan, vice president; Mary McMillan, second vice president; Herby McCall, secretary; Mary Gray, treasurer; Doris Matthews, ex-officio; and Lynn Baker, public relations

director. The 2007 board of directors will include: Jerry Kelley, Laurie Chapman, Daniel Stephens, Tonya Jones, Kenneth Calhoun, Josh Wilson, Debby Bryan, Melissa Flowers, Michael Moseley and Mayor James Grimes.

The day-to-day operations of the chamber will continue to be handled by Whitworth and Eva Medlock, administrative assistant.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by the Enterprise-Ozark Community College Entertainers and several door prizes were given away.

Denise Sauls, 2007 chamber board president, offered the evening's closing remarks. She briefly mentioned several upcoming events to be sponsored by the Chamber and said she is looking forward to the upcoming year.



THE TOP HONOR OF THE EVENING last Thursday, Sept. 14, during the annual chamber banquet went to the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home as the local health care provider was named the **BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**. Elba Mayor James Grimes (right) presented the award to Ellen Briley (left), administrator.



A VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATION highlighted the awards ceremony last Thursday evening, Sept. 14, during the annual Elba Chamber of Commerce membership banquet as Jack Padgett, owner of the Padgett Oil Company, was honored. Padgett retired earlier this year after many years of business in Elba. Mayor James Grimes presented a plaque of appreciation to Padgett recognizing his service to the community. This was followed by the sharing of kind words and fond memories for Padgett and his business from friends Kenneth Grantham and Daniel Stephens.

Business Expo/Health Fair set for Saturday, Sept. 30, in Elba

The Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home is sponsoring their annual Business Expo and Health Fair on Saturday, September 30, from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

There will be something going on for everyone to participate in.

Free screening will be available for blood sugar, cholesterol, breathing strength, blood pressure, osteoporosis screening, sleep disorder screening and vision and hearing screening (this event is sponsored by The Elba Lions Club).

There will be information available on Home Medical Equipment, Long Term Care, Nutrition, Smoking Cessation, Breast cancer Awareness Fire Safety, Diabetes and much more.

For children there will be Balloons, Spacewalk, Fingerprinting, and ID, DARE

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THE CHAMBER MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD was presented to Mobile Attic last Thursday evening, Sept. 14, during the annual chamber banquet. Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, made the presentation to members of the company.

Elba Chamber of Commerce
Businesses of the Month for 2005-06

Toledo Molding and Die
EDSCO
Southeast Pharmaceuticals
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Coffee County Commission votes to wait on setting new garbage collection fees

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Sept. 25, Coffee County Commissioners found differing opinions regarding when to set new garbage collection fees.

The commissioners were discussing the FY2007 budget when the discussion began. Commissioner Linda Westbrook made reference to money in the solid waste fund, and said she felt the commission should wait on setting the new fees.

Commissioner Jim Thompson did not agree one bit with Westbrook and quickly made a motion to set the garbage collection fee at \$16 per month for residents. He received a second from Commissioner Bernest Brooks.

"We can approve the budget today without setting the rate at \$16," Westbrook said. "All I'm asking is we take 90 days and look at the solid waste department and try and keep the rate down as much as possible."

Thompson said the money Westbrook was referring to in the solid waste department was there because the county put it there from the landfill fund. He insisted he did not feel it would be set.

The amendment passed by a 4-3 vote. The commissioners Doug Dalrymple, Linda Westbrook, Robert Stephens and Tom Grimsley. Opposing were commissioners Jim Thompson, Bernest Brooks and J.L. Weeks.

Following this long discussion, commissioners voted unanimously to approve the FY2007 budget totaling \$5,522,752 for the general fund, \$1,174,800 for the gasoline fund, \$1,253,000 for the RRR gasoline fund, \$371,000 for the public highway and traffic fund, \$999,900 for the road and bridge fund, \$2,847,000 for the landfill fund, \$1,033,251 for the solid waste fund, \$1,372,500 for the roll-off fund and \$1,193,975 for the reappraisal fund.

Elba City Council approves asking for bids on additional garbage cans

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council made short work of their business on Monday evening. The meeting was over in minutes but a "work session" is scheduled for next Monday evening to "handle some things we need to work on," Mayor James Grimes said.

The meeting opened with the police chief telling council members that every thing was routine in the department. He then added that there had been an increase in arrest during the past two weeks.

Mayor Grimes briefly reviewed the financial statement, noting that income was below budget but so were expenses. Expenses are about \$30,000 below budgeted amounts for the first ten months of this fiscal year.

The actual sales tax figures shown in the budget are misleading, explained the mayor. He explained that the state department of revenue was in the process of changing computer programs and has fallen behind in transmitting sales taxes to the municipalities of Alabama.

When the sales tax income is back on schedule and annual financial institution tax of \$55,000 is received, the mayor promises the budget revenues will be much closer to projected figures, the financial statement presented to the council on

the best interest of the county to wait to set the fees.

Commissioner J.L. Weeks seemed to agree.

"We have a new (garbage collection) contract," Weeks said. Citing higher fuel prices and cost of equipment, Weeks said the new contract is much higher than the one about to expire. He said the county is going to have to go up sooner or later, and he feels sooner is better.

Commissioner Robert Stephens pointed out there is a fuel adjustment clause in the new contract that will allow for review after one year.

"I can't see why we couldn't put this off 90 days to set our rate," Commissioner Tom Grimsley said.

He said he would prefer commissioners studying the issue more to get a better idea about the number of cans within the county and status of past due accounts. Then, he said, if there is still a need for fees to be \$16, he will be all for it.

Commissioner Stephens made a motion with a second from Westbrook to amend the original motion that garbage fees be the same until the last meeting in November. During that meeting, the new rates will be set.

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In other business, commissioners:

• Approved the bid for building the Zion Chapel Senior Center to Simco Construction Inc. at \$257,787. Also approved a motion authorizing the highway department to complete some site prep work at the site.

• Approved a motion to waive the fee for use of the community room for MOM (Mothers Opposing Meth). Beth Williams addressed commissioner on behalf of this organization and said they would like to begin holding support group meetings in October. She said MOM wants to work with law enforcement to fight the meth and drug use epidemic.

• Approved a motion to have minutes from commission meetings printed and sent to commissioners no later than the Wednesday afternoon following the meeting. Commissioner Dalrymple said this would help commissioners as information would still be fresh on their minds.

The next commission meeting will be Monday, Oct. 9, in New Brockton.

Playground's build week ends with opening ceremony

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Screams of joy filled the air Sunday evening, Sept. 24, when the Elba Community Playground officially opened for play.

The playground project began March 2005 and became a visible reality last week.

Prior to allowing children in the playground for play, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held. Those participating in this included playground committee members, chamber board members, build week site captains, Elba queens and Elba Mayor

James Grimes. Several youngsters and a few of the young at heart enjoyed being among the first to play on the park's equipment. The playground was built entirely by community volunteers through the guidance of contractors from Leathers and Associates of Itasca, NY. All children are invited to come enjoy the park, located in downtown Elba. Additional scenes from build week and the opening ceremony can be found on pages 8 and 9 of this edition of the newspaper.



HORRIFIC ACCIDENT OCCURS EARLY FRIDAY MORNING—Two men sustained serious injuries as a result of a head-on collision early Friday morning, Sept. 22, on Alabama Highway 189 North in Elba. The accident was reported around 6:20 a.m., and emergency personnel responded immediately. Upon arrival, they found a 1999 Chevrolet truck, driven by Michael Lee Messer, age 18, of Elba, and a 2004 Ford truck, driven by Hayward Lee Carpenter, age 36, of Elba, had collided causing Carpenter's truck to ignite. Personnel worked to remove Carpenter from the burning vehicle, and both victims were transported to area hospitals for treatment. According to the accident report, Messer stated he fell asleep and did not wake up until he ran off the shoulder on the opposite side of the road. Carpenter was traveling north in his lane and could not avoid Messer. As of press time, Carpenter reportedly remained in a Dothan hospital while Messer is in a Birmingham hospital. The accident was investigated by officers from the Elba Police Department. Also responding to the scene were members of the Elba Fire Department and EMS units.

(Photo courtesy of the Elba Fire Department)

the pleasure of introducing the playground's official name. She said students from Elba Elementary School picked Tiger Town Park as the name for the new playground, which is located on the site of the old Elba High School in downtown Elba.

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Among the many comments was, "this is totally awesome!"

NOTICE

A playground work day will be held Saturday, Sept. 30, from 8 a.m. until 12 Noon at Tiger Town Park. Anyone who can is asked to help. There remain a few minor details to complete for Phase 1 of the playground project.



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To Serve and Protect: Meet the Elba Police

Christy Wilson joined the Elba Police Department approximately four and a half years ago and serves as a police communications officer.

She also served two years with the New Brockton Police Department for a combined total of six and a half years of service in law enforcement.

During her career, Wilson has received various special/advanced training to include: NCIC/ACIS certification, Public Telecommunicator I and II certification, Emergency Medical Dispatch certification, First Responder certification, National Incident Management System certification and CPR and AED certification.

Outside of the office, Wilson said she enjoys scrapbooking, reading and spending time with her family. She is the mother of one daughter.



Communications Officer Christy Wilson

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Coffee County residents can relate to the problems of Elkport, Iowa, in Northeast, Iowa. They have had flooding in 1999 when the Turkey and Volga rivers overflowed and also in 1994, 1998, 1999, 2002. Then heavy rains caused Elk Creek to swell and breach its dike in May 2004. The residents and FEMA decided to give up on the small town and now 27 homes, the old general store and the stone elementary school will be flattened. The few remaining residents of the area contend the community will not disappear, but those who are still there will just move out of the flood area and remain an official city. There was talk of moving Elba after the 1998 flood, but FEMA officials acknowledged they had never tackled anything of this magnitude and had no idea where enough money to relocate a community this size would come from. They added it would take years and years to set up the legalities of such an undertaking. Thus efforts were successfully concentrated on rebuilding the levees around both Elba and Geneva.

There has been no action as of 4:00 P.M. Monday on the bankruptcy court sale of the Dorsey Trailer plant in Elba. Our personal thoughts are that they have chased this one rabbit far longer than is reasonable and need to look over the next hill for another challenge.

The new Elba playground building project came off last week. It was amazing to see so many people working together to accomplish something positive. Of course it is far from over as a sizable amount of the money for the project is borrowed money and someone is going to have to "pay up". It can be so easy to walk away from the hype and enthusiasm that was generated during the months prior to the construction but borrowed money must be repaid . . . by someone and \$100,000 is not pocket change for many of us.

Politics are again getting ugly in Alabama. Each candidate in a particular debate is accusing the other side of "starting it". This sounds just like yours truly and sisters when we were small children and mother was trying to sort out the problem and get us back on the right track. We always blamed someone else for "starting it".

Elba Chamber of Commerce presents...
Business of the Month
The Peoples Bank of Coffee County

The Peoples Bank was originally organized in 1964 in Elba, Ala., and was reorganized in 1995 to be The Peoples Bank of Coffee County.

With branches in New Brockton, Ala. and Enterprise, Ala., the bank is held by Henderson BancShares Inc. of Troy, Ala.

Dedication to serving the customers and this community is evident in the actions and activities of all of Peoples Bank's officers, directors and staff. As an independent bank, our customers can expect decisions about their loans and deposits to be made right here with no waiting.

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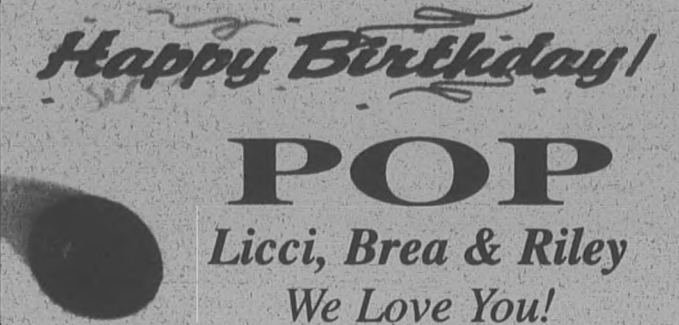
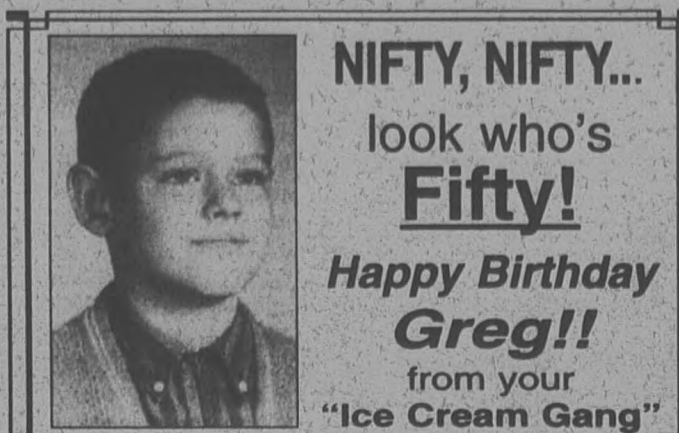
Each day that we open our doors, we try to live up to that promise. Let us know how we can help you.

Don't Forget...

Health Fair and Business Expo
Saturday, Sept. 30th
9 a.m. - Noon
on the Square Elba



Representing the employees of The Peoples Bank of Coffee County are: (seated, left to right) Rene Lambert, Assistant Vice President/Loan Officer; Barry Giles, Elba City President; and Tina Wilson, Loan Officer; (standing, left to right) Dianne Carley, Vice President/Compliance Officer; Dedra Carley, Loan Review Specialist; Melanee Blair, Cashier/Operations Officer; and Loretta Nelson, Assistant Cashier/Sr. Deposit Servicing Associate.

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• ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOV. ERY SUPPORT GROUP - every Tuesday at 6 p.m. - Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5037 for more information.

• SOCIAL SECURITY REP. Courthouse 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30 Call FREE 1-800-772-1213

• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall

• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday-6 p.m. - City Hall

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday - 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom.

• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office

• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month - 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School

• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5838

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House

• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Pk. Forks, Enterprise

• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Thursday at 5 P.M. the FBO office at the Airport

• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High School locker room

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• ELBA KIWANIS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursday - 7 a.m. - Ranch House

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Sept. 18, 2006, investigated the following incidents: one for burglary, three for criminal mischief, three for domestic violence, three for theft of property, two for unlawful possession of a controlled substance, one for harassment, three for harassing communications, two for trespassing and one for a missing shotgun.

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear and two for unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for no proof of insurance and one for a suspended driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, SEPT. 18 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 360 Old Samson Rd. (6:50 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 511 County Rd. 109 (9:14 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 742 West St. (1:30 p.m.).

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 134 west of County Rd. 160 (8:25 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 327 Solly Dr. (10:10 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20 - Minor wreck reported on Claxton Ave. (6:50 a.m.);

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 21 - Wreck reported at 715 Putnam St. (7:24 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 10177 Hwy. 125 (9:55 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1535 N. Claxton Ave. (4:24 p.m.); Burglary (in progress) reported at 14255 Hwy. 84 (5:02 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2449 County Rd. 109 (8:28 p.m.); Wreck reported on Herman Driggers Dr. (11:10 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck on Herman Driggers Dr. (11:21 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Herman Driggers Dr. (11:46 p.m.).

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 23 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Martin Luther King Dr. (1:13 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Old Samson Rd. near County Rd. 403 (9:08 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to

28408 Hwy. 167 (10:21 p.m.).

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1524 Stoudermire St. (3:45 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1603 Kendrick, Apt. 12 (5:20 p.m.).

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CoOp Spotlight

by Christina Bryant

This week's Co-Op Spotlight is none other than **Eric Lee**.

Eric is the 17-year-old son of Donna Roberts. He has been employed for the past two years at EDSO. His duties at EDSO are to fill orders for customers.

After graduation, he plans to attend a junior college of his choice and later transfer to a university to obtain a degree in chemistry.

Five EHS students selected for Coffee County Youth Leadership Program

by Ashton Rodriguez

One may ask, what CCYLP is?

CCYLP (Coffee County Youth Leadership Program) prepares high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential to take active leadership roles in improving their homes, schools and communities. The goals of CCYLP are to encourage high school students to recognize and develop their self-discipline, self-respect, and leadership potential; to teach leadership and problem-solving skills that will foster an open-minded, non-violent approach to solutions; to provide students with a greater understanding of current issues through interaction with peers, leaders, and decision-makers in the community, region, and state; to expose students to resources available in out community and state; to provide students with opportunities to experience the difference they can make through volunteer service projects; and to expand students' network of friends, peers, and contacts.

Eligibility is limited to juniors and sophomores from all public, private and home schools within Coffee County. Students must be at least 15 years of age. Priority was given to juniors.



Tiger Tales

Editors: Ashton Rodriguez & Clara Burrows

Elba High School students observe Constitution and Citizenship Day

by Yoquesha Terry

Americans sometimes take citizenship for granted.

September 17 is Constitution and Citizenship Day. This year because the 17th was on Sunday, Constitution Day was observed on Monday, September 18.

It was declared by the ALSDE that at 1 p.m. on Monday, all students enrolled in an Alabama public school would stand and recite/read the Preamble to the Constitution.

On Monday, Sept. 11, EHS required that each first block teacher have students to write the Preamble, as well as 10 questions and answers about the Constitution.

The Broadcast Journalism staff at Elba High aired information about the Constitution. They also held a competition

during the week in which they randomly selected students to try to answer questions about the Constitution.

Students who were selected and answered the questions correctly won a ticket to the Homecoming football game.

This experience showed that a number of EHS students were already knowledgeable about the Constitution. Maybe all of the students now have a better understanding of the Constitution and its importance to all Americans.

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EES class completes terrarium project

by Erica Daniels

Last week Mrs. Dye's fourth grade class explored the world of living and nonliving organisms.

The class enjoyed learning where organisms fit into the life of science. The students landscaped their very own terrariums using soil, plants, rocks, twigs, plastic worms, plastic lizards and water dishes so they could have a better understanding of organisms. This project served as a good example of students having a great time while learning at the same time.



EHS Gridiron Poll

by Brittany Phillips

Once again Elba will face the Pike County Bulldogs. There are many predictions about the battle. Hopefully, the Tigers will execute their plays well enough to live up to the positive expectations.

	E	PC
Quenton Caldwell	35	30
Cordell Hooks	21	7
Bobby Hudson	91	0
Michael Hall	34	26
William Petty	0	56
Aaron Harrelson	0	2
Kayla Jones	0	75
Guccie Hudson	3	56

Announcements from Elba High...

• **Yearbook Announcement**...The new yearbooks have arrived at Elba High School. Anyone who purchased a yearbook, can pick it up at the school. A few extra yearbooks have been ordered, and can be purchased for \$45. They are all color and can be purchased from a journalism member, or by calling the school at 897-2266 to place an order. The extras are almost gone.

• **Homecoming Announcements**...This is a reminder that homecoming will be October 27 against the Abbeville Yellow Jackets. The EHS Journalism staff has decided to make this year a little bit more interesting in requiring each entry in the parade to revolve around a movie title theme. To sign up for the parade, call Wanda Bucklew at 897-2266. There is only one entry for each movie title, so sign up A.S.A.P.

• **High School REPORT CARDS** - Go out Friday, Oct. 13.

• **FALL INTERCESSION** - School is out Oct. 9 and 10 for fall break.

• **Elba High School Homecoming T-Shirts**...Elba High School Homecoming t-shirts are now on sale and can be purchased through Oct. 6. The shirts will be red with Elba High Homecoming October 27, 2006 on the front pocket and "Make 'em walk the plank" on the back. The cost of the shirts will be \$12 for sizes YXS-AXL and \$14 for sizes 2X and up. The shirts must be paid for in advance. For questions, contact the journalism staff at Elba High School or Wanda Bucklew (897-2266). Order forms can be picked up in the high school office. Return order forms to the EHS office or to Mr. Bucklew in H3 or H8. Indicate on the bottom of the form the number of shirts for purchase and the sizes of those shirts. For those who do not attend school at EES or EHS, provide a telephone number for contact when the shirts are available for pick up.

WSFA visits Elba for "pre" pep rally

by Ryan McCollough and Lauren McClung

Each Friday, WSFA broadcast chooses a school to premiere on their *Tiger in Alabama* show.

Friday, Sept. 15, WSFA chose to come to Elba. At 5 a.m., WSFA appeared on Mack Wood Field at Tiger Stadium in Elba. Present at the time of the

broadcast were the cheerleaders, band members, football players, and a good-size crowd for an early morning. In fact, WSFA's newscaster, Rob Hatchell, and Elba had the largest crowd of fans they had witnessed this year.

For two hours, WSFA broadcast live from Elba and showcased the students and fans present.



Journalism Spotlight

by Sydney Brunson



This week's journalism spotlight shines on **Ryan McCollough**. Ryan is the 17-year-old son of elementary school teacher, Pam McCollough. He joined the journalism staff only this year but has used his sports expertise to contribute to the sports section of the yearbook and newspaper.

When Ryan is not decked out in black and gold on Mack Wood Field, he can be found riding dirt roads or watching the Auburn game with friends. Ryan's other activities include Sr. Beta and the EHS Ambassadors.

Ryan describes himself as fun, easygoing, and much to Mrs. Bucklew's dismay, loud.



Excitement and scenes from the early morning pep rally

SCHOOLS

FROM THE COCKPIT

New Brockton School News

Sponsor: Lori Cotney

NBHS student deemed a celebrity look-alike

by Nicole Reynolds

Audrey Hepburn was born in 1929 in Belgium. As a child Hepburn attended boarding school and took dance lessons, which later helped in her acting career. She was modeling as a teenager when a producer signed her for a part in an instructional film called *Dutch in Seven Lessons*, and her acting career spun off from there.

In 1952 Hepburn starred in her first American film, "Roman Holiday" from Paramount Pictures. Her early 30s were filled with many lead roles in films such as "Funny Face," "Sabrina," "War and Peace," and "Love in the Afternoon."

Two of her most well-known movies are "Breakfast at



Audrey Hepburn



Nicole Carnley

You know you go to NBHS when...

by Cassidy Moore

1. You know everyone's first name, last name, the names of their parents, siblings and pets.
2. The water sold at the football games has your mascot on it. (Gamecock Pride!)
3. There are giant "Gamecock" footprints leading to the school. (It Came from New Brockton High!)
4. Football isn't just a sport but a way of life.
5. The name Mrs. Hamilton brings a smile to your heart. (She's as good as gold if there ever was such a thing.)
6. Burgundy and black are the new green and pink. (Does this go with my spirit shirt?)
7. You dread having to leave Coach Clark's Class because of the hall pass. (It's so hard to hide.)
8. Without Mr. Jerry and Mrs. Rosie the school would never survive. (Hurry find Mr. Jerry the key is stuck in the door!)
9. The latest trend deals with camouflage. (Okay this isn't funny anymore I really can't see you.)
10. The phrase God Bless is heartfelt.

NBHS students definitely have their strong opinions, and they are not shy about expressing them. Here's a list of the most recent likes and dislikes:

- Thumbs Up**
1. Eating
 2. Music
 3. Cell Phones
 4. Movies
 5. Hanging Out
 6. Myspace
 7. 4-Wheelers
 8. Football
 9. Season Premieres
 10. Digital Cameras
- Thumbs Down**
1. Dress Code
 2. Homework
 3. Drugs
 4. Bossy Underclassmen
 5. Snitches
 6. Getting A Job
 7. Small Lockers
 8. Teenage Acne Caused By Stress
 9. Gas Prices
 10. Mean Teachers

Business Expo and Health Fair set for Saturday in Elba

The Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home will sponsor the annual Business Expo and Health Fair Saturday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. until noon.

Free screening will be available for blood sugar, cholesterol, breathing strength, blood pressure, osteoporosis screening, sleep disorder screening and vision and hearing screening (this event is sponsored by the Elba Lions Club). There will be information available on Home Medical Equipment, Long Term Care, Nutrition, Smoking Cessation, Breast Cancer Awareness Fire Safety, Diabetes and much more.

For children there will be balloons, spacewalk, fingerprinting and ID, DARE Information, face painting & popcorn.

In coordination with this event, the Elba Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Fun Run register at the chamber office from 7:30 - 8 a.m. There is an entry fee and this includes a t-shirt.

Also there will be Pets on Parade at 10 a.m. on the square with a small entry fee. This includes small dogs, large dogs and furry friends.

Refreshments will be provided by Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home and the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

Q AND A WITH TREY BRADLEY

by Josh Lindley

Senior football and baseball player Trey Bradley is full of Gamecock Pride.

This is his first year playing football. He loves the sport, he participates in and is proud to be a part of Gamecock athletics.

I recently sat down with him to talk about sports:

Q: What is your favorite sport to watch and why?

A: Football, because of the intensity.

Q: What is your favorite sport to play and why?

A: Football, because you get to hit people.

Q: Tell me in your own words what makes a good athlete?

A: Doing your best on and off the field and striving to do better.

Q: What do you believe is necessary to do in order to be



Trey Bradley, senior

successful in the sports you play?

A: Work hard and study the plays.

Q: What is your greatest or favorite moment while partici-

pating in sports at NBHS.

A: Last year's baseball season when we went 14 and 6.

Q: What has been your biggest achievement in life?

A: Passing all parts of the graduation exam. Now all I have to do is keep my grades up to graduate in May. That will be my biggest achievement.

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NBHS teacher takes on new challenge through coaching

by Tori Stone

Do people stay the same after high school?

As a senior, I ask myself this question often. I recently sat down with Mrs. Barnhill and got an answer.

During high school, Mrs. Barnhill was a self-proclaimed "geek." Now, however, she has found herself involved in the athletic scene at NBHS as the JV Cheerleader sponsor, and assistant volleyball coach.

She has a lot to say about her change. For now, she'll just have to settle for a little high school notoriety.

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Coach Barnhill

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Q: Would you recommend coaching to someone like you?

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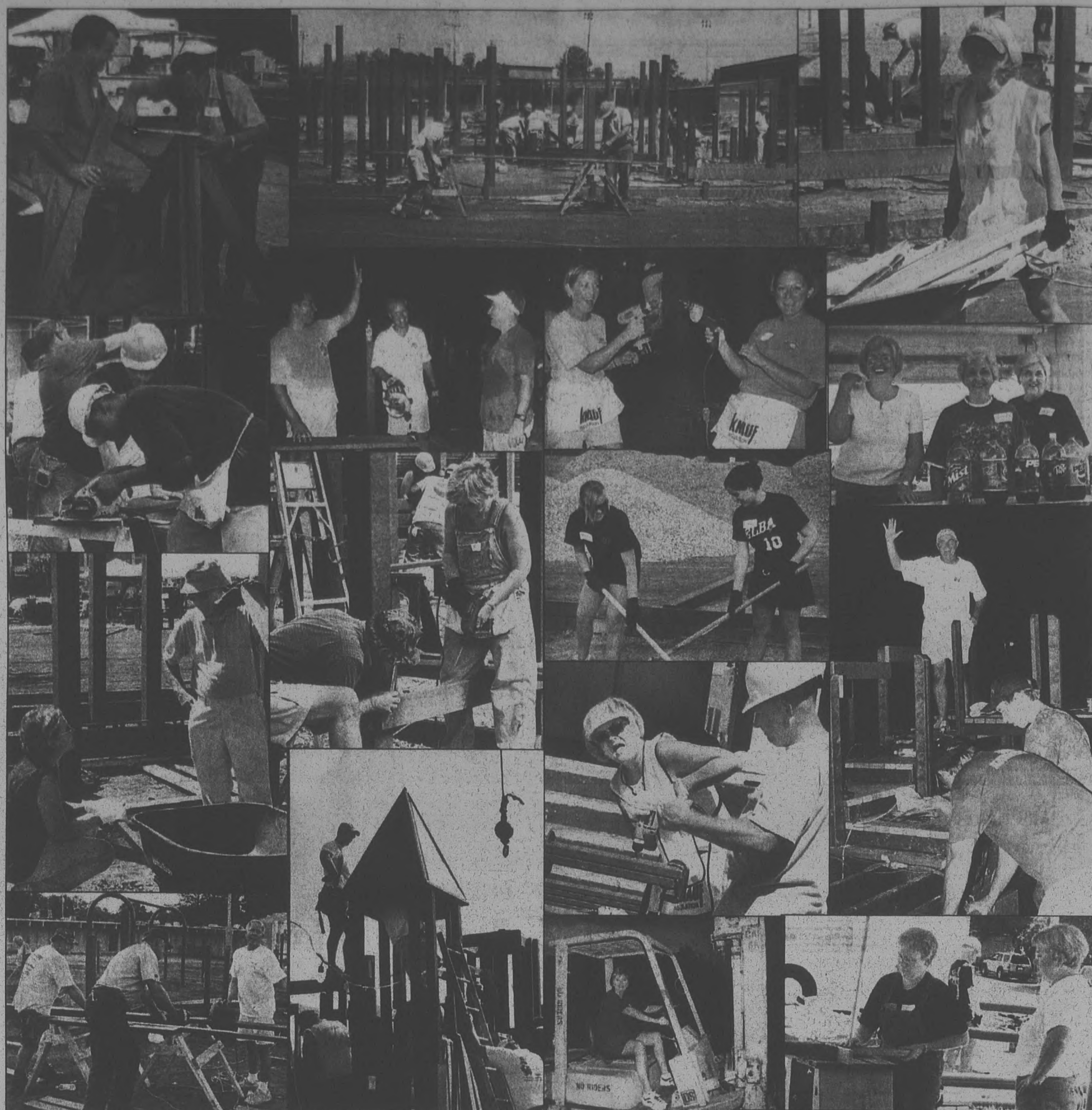
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RUTH E. KING, DECEASED.

CASE NO. PC-2006-050

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to GERALDINE FLEMING as Personal Representative of the Estate of RUTH E. KING, on the 5th day of September, 2006, by the Honorable William O. Gammill, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

1/6 Barbara S. Carmichael BARBARA S. CARMICHAEL, Administrator of the Estate of Robert Mayo Carmichael, deceased

9/14, 21, 28-CHG

NOTICE TO BIDDERS PROJECT NO: CDP 16-07-04 COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Coffee County Commission at the Office Complex in New Brockton, Alabama, until 9:00 a.m., October 3, 2006, and at that time publicly open for construction the following:

Replacement of Bridge (Pre-Cast) Spanning Little Double Bridges Creek on County Road 546, approximately 5.0 miles southwest of New Brockton. Length-0.012 miles in the County of Coffee, State of Alabama.

The entire project shall be completed in thirty (30) working days. Engineering is required. The bracket estimate for this project is \$180,000 to \$200,000. A certified check or bid bond payable to the Coffee County Commission for an amount of 5% of bid (maximum-\$10,000) must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith. Plans, Specifications and Proposals may be obtained at the Coffee County Engineer's Office, Highway 84, New Brockton, Alabama from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday (telephone 334/854-6112). A proposal fee of \$10.00 is required if plans are picked up and a fee of \$20.00 is required if plans are mailed. The \$10.00 fee will be returned to unsuccessful bidders who return plans in a reasonable condition within ten (10) days after bid opening.

The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him by the Coffee County Commission. Bids will be received only from contractors duly licensed by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

Barnes Brooks, Chairman Coffee County Commission

9-21, 28, 10-5-CHG

IN RE: The Estate of ROBERT MAYO CARMICHAEL, Deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to BARBARA S. CARMICHAEL as Administrator of the Estate of Robert Mayo Carmichael, deceased on the 5th day of Sept. 2006, by the Honorable William O. Gammill,

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

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CASE NO. PC-2006-043

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Elba Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a public meeting on Thursday, October 5, 2006, at

SPORTS

Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Mularz girls made the trip up to Auburn last weekend for the Tigers win over Buffalo, and Melanie came home all excited with a new Auburn t-shirt, some orange and blue pom-poms and a camera filled with pictures of the game she made from her seat near the endzone. As a longtime Alabama fan I used to wonder how my girls turned out to be die-hard Auburn fans, but I have grown older the fact they cheer for Auburn only bothers me one weekend a year.

ELBA TIGERS GET BIG ROAD WIN OVER SLOCOMB

The Elba Tigers finally got on the scoreboard and made the most of their visits to the endzone as they defeated Slocomb 21-13 last week to claim their first win of the season and post a big region win on the road. The Tigers missed a chance to score in the first quarter as their scoreless streak reached 13 quarters, but broke lose in the second stanza as freshman running back Carlos Matias ran for two scores and the Elba defense added a score of its own. The Elba offense rolled up over 200 yards in total offense and had its most balanced attack of the season, while the defense bent, but refused to break, as it turned back three Slocomb scoring threats and recovered four fumbles. The game was one the Tigers could have easily lost. However, the fact the young Tigers stepped up and meet the challenge head on said a lot about these youngsters and gives all Elba fans hope that better days are indeed on the way.

THREE AREA TEAMS SUFFER WEEK FOUR SETBACKS

The fourth week of the high school football season is now in the books and for three of the four teams in the area it was a week they would like to forget. Here is a look back at the week that was....

*** **New Brockton**.... gave up 49 points to Cottonwood in a lopsided loss that left the Gamecocks winless after four weeks of play. The Gamecocks used a faked punt to pull even early in the game, but once the Bears got rolling there was little Brockton defense could do to soften the blow. After four weeks it appears the Gamecock offense is hitting its stride. However, the defense has now surrendered over 40 points two weeks in a row, and that makes it hard to win, no matter what the offense does.

*** **Kinston**.... battled Florida on even terms for two quarters, but made critical turnovers in the second half and at the final horn remained winless on the season. The Bulldogs have improved the past two weeks and are getting closer and closer to being a competitive team as they get ready to jump back into the region wars. Kinston may not have a winning record when the season draws to a close, but the guess here is it will have a few wins hanging on its side of the scoreboard.

*** **Zion Chapel**.... suffered a shocking road loss to McKenzie to fall to 0-3 in the region and all of the sudden the Rebels appear to be anything but the team many picked to battle for the #2 spot in the region standings. The week two loss to Arion was a surprise, but the loss to McKenzie that no one saw coming, and with four region games still left it looks like the Rebels will turn on the board just to make the playoff party. Maybe it's time to skip plan B and go right on to plan C.

*** **Brantley**.... remained undefeated in the region with a big road win over Arion and also remained unscored upon for the season. The Bulldogs owned a slim two-touchdown lead at intermission and were in a dogfight, but took command early in the second half and rolled to the lopsided win. Brantley has made it look easy against region opponents and the past two weeks has kept its starters in the game well into the fourth quarter. That should help as the season heads into the home stretch.

WEEK FOUR OF PREP SEASON NOW IN THE BOOKS

The fourth week of the high school football season is now in the books and it was an interesting week for many teams and their fans. Here's a quick look back....

*** **Enterprise** (2-2) saw a 17-second half lead evaporate in a stunning 24-17 loss to previously winless Central of Phenix City. The Wildcats were ranked 8th in the state after opening the season with easy wins over Carroll and Dothan. However, since the two teams the Wildcats defeated are a combined 0-8, maybe Enterprise isn't nearly as good as many thought.

*** **Charles Henderson** (3-1) saw its early-season success come to an abrupt end with a surprising 35-0 loss to Valley. The Trojans had made it look easy in opening the season with three big wins, but hit the road Friday night and got totally dominated in all aspects of the game in the big region loss. Despite the loss, I think the jury is still out on just how good the Trojans really are.

*** **Straughton** (0-4) remained winless on the season with a 54-19 region loss to Pike County and after four weeks the Tigers have to be licking their wounds. The Tigers have shown improvement on offense in recent weeks and have averaged 15 points a game after being shut-out in their opener, but on defense the Tigers have allowed a total of 110 points in the past two games and for the season have allowed an average of over 44 points a game. Ouch.

*** **Andalusia** (3-1) continued to roll up the points with a big 60-18 romp past lowly Bullock County and the Bulldogs are now considered as one of the teams to beat in the 4A ranks. The Bulldogs dropped a disappointing loss to Pike County in their opener, but ever since they have been on fire and have the folks over in A-town talking about the playoffs for the first time in years.

*** **Opp** (0-4) is still looking for its first win of the season after falling to Daleville 24-22. The Bobcats had high hopes entering the season after hiring a new coach and lots of hard work in the off-season. However, once again it has been proven that a winning program

can't be built in just one year and that winning sometimes takes time. The guess here is the Bobcats and their fans know this and that better days are ahead.

*** **Geneva** (4-0) struggled a bit before outscoring Abbeville 35-18 in a key region clash. The Panthers made the headlines a few weeks back with their win over Pike County, but still have some tough games left on the schedule and found out last week that Abbeville could very well be the most improved team in this part of the state. If the Panthers can get past Andalusia this week a perfect season could be in the cards.

*** **Laverne** (4-0) struggled for the second straight week and many are wondering of the Tigers are really as good as advertised. The Tigers are now 3-0 in the region and could run the board, but the wins aren't as impressive as many Laverne fans are used to and it will be interesting to keep an eye on the Tigers to see what direction they may be headed as the playoffs approach.

*** **Red Level** (4-0) remained undefeated last week with a 34-6 win over Excel and the Tigers may very well be the best team around that no one knows anything about. The Tigers have an explosive offense that can score from anywhere on the field and a quick defense that can shut down just about any offense it meets. There is a lot of season left. However, after four weeks these Tigers are growing loudly.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Alabama fans found out how the Auburn fans felt a year ago after their loss to LSU when the Tide's kicking game fell apart in a conference loss to Arkansas. Alabama's offense came to life in the second half and quarterback John Parker Wilson emerged into a true winner, only to see Coach Mike Shula put the offense back into a shell as he tried to let the kicking game pull out the win. I know the Crimson Tide won 10 games last season and got a lot of Bama fans excited. However, after last week it has to be painfully obvious to even the biggest fans that Shula is even worse at calling plays than he is as a head coach.

*** Auburn kept its fans in their seats for almost three quarters last Saturday afternoon before the stadium emptied out in the Tigers easy win over Buffalo. Tommy's Tigers had no respect for their opponents and it showed in the first half as they looked like they had arrived for a scrimmage after a long night out on the town. It was a win and will keep Auburn near the top in the polls. However, across the nation the Tigers had to lose a lot of respect with the less than impressive win.

*** Troy played its third straight road game against a quality opponent and got pounded by Nebraska 56-0. The Trojans played well in losses to Florida State and Georgia Tech, but even the best of teams would have had a hard time surviving three straight road games against teams like Troy faced, and the wear and tear showed Saturday afternoon. Now the Trojans must hope they can recover and rebound in time to make a run in the conference.

*** Did you know baseball was still going on? Hey, I don't care, either.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office over the weekend moaning about the state of football across the county. The local guesspert reminded me that two weeks ago every team in Coffee County lost, while this week only Elba was able to post a win. He just shook his head and threw this week's picks on the table. Last week the guesspert hit on 32 of his 38 picks to move his season totals to 114-28. Here are this week's picks....

ELBA VS. NEW BROCKTON

The Pea River felines found a win last week in a tomato patch down in Geneva County, and this week will head over to a nearby chicken coop looking to scratch out another victory. The roosters

Third meeting ever

Elba Tigers and New Brockton Gamecocks renew gridiron rivalry Friday night at Gamecock Stadium

Two cross-county rivals looking to post a much needed win heading into the second half of the season will butt heads Friday night at Gamecock Stadium when the New Brockton Gamecocks host the Elba Tigers in the third-ever meeting between the two former high school football powers.

The Tigers will enter the clash with a 1-3 record and will be coming off a 21-13 win over Slocomb, while the Gamecocks will bring an 0-4 slate into the annual match-up and will be coming in off a 49-18 setback to Cottonwood.

"New Brockton is much better than its record indicates and we expect to have our hands full Friday night," stated Elba's Coach Scott Rials. "They could have easily been 2-0 after the opening two games of the season, but lost by one point to Zion Chapel and in double-overtime to Wicksburg, and then had a couple of injuries that took a little time to get over. By the time we get over there Friday night they would have had three weeks to settle into a new plan and I guarantee you they will be looking forward to getting on the field and getting after us!"

"On offense," said Coach Rials, "New Brockton has as much speed and big play potential as just about any team on our schedule. They have two really quick backs that have over 200 yards rushing after only four games, and a young quarterback that is dangerous both running and passing. New Brockton has scored eight touchdowns in its last three games and it's offense is beginning to jell. Over on defense they have given up some points, but have a couple of big guys up front that can dominate the line of scrimmage and they have really quick defensive backs.

from over near the four-lane have been afraid to cross the road since it got paved a few months back, but may be ready to try and flap their wings and fly across if it will lead to a win. This may be the week they make it across, but the guess here is they will only lose more feathers.

ELBA 20 NEW BROCKTON 14

KINSTON VS. SAMSON

The Bullpups from down near the county line will be having a party this weekend and have invited a batch of kitties to come to the dance. While the kitties haven't been too kind to the pups in years past, this year the kitties are as hungry as the pups and both are looking forward to the feast planned at the party. History usually has a way of repeating itself, but the guess here is the pups will get the last dance Friday night.

KINSTON 24 SAMSON 18

ZION CHAPEL VS. GENEVA COUNTY

The troops from Jack limped back home last week after being ambushed over in the woods of Butler County, and this week will have to reload and recover in a hurry to get ready for a batch of mean 'ole dogs headed this way from down the road. The troops will dig in and defend their field. However, unless they find some new weapons the guess here is the pups will leave with the win.

GENEVA COUNTY 28 ZION CHAPEL 14

BRANTLEY VS. HIGHLAND HOME

The 'Dogs from across the river will head up the road this week looking to hang another goose egg on victim number five, but may run into a fired up company of fly boys when they arrive at the landing strip down in a hole in the north part of the county. The 'Dogs may be low to the ground and not be able to jump very high. However, they should still soar past these part time pilots.

BRANTLEY 40 HIGHLAND HOME 0

OTHER PICKS:

Cottonwood 35 Arion 0
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 Georgiana 38 A.L. Johnson 6
 Goshen 20 McKenzie 18
 Pleasant Home 27 Blacksher 12
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SPORTS

Post key region win

Tiger explosion buries Red Tops 21-13

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers scored twenty-one points in a six-minute span in the second quarter to grab the lead and turned back two Slocomb scoring threats in the second half to escape with an exciting 21-13 win over the Red Tops, Friday night in Slocomb.

The win upped Elba's record to 1-3, 1-2 in region play, while Slocomb slipped to 0-4 with the loss, 0-3 against region competition.

The Elba defense came up big twice in the opening quarter as the Tigers stopped Slocomb on a fourth down and one at the Elba 40-yard line on the Red Tops initial possession of the game, and later stopped a Red Top threat at the Elba 13 when Frank Morris pounced on a Slocomb fumble.

Slocomb did get on the scoreboard first, however, as the Red Tops drove 65 yards in eight plays to reach the endzone. Joey Sasser was the workhorse of the drive as he gained 58 yards on five carries and scored the Red Top touchdown on a 4-yard run on the first play of the second quarter. Wesley Apelin added the extra-point, and with 11:55 remaining in the second quarter Slocomb was on top 7-0.

Elba's Bobby Hudson returned the ensuing kickoff 31 yards to set the Tigers up at their own 45-yardline, and three plays later Elba was in the endzone for the first time this season. A 27-yard pass from Trey Martin to Frank Morris was a key play in the scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a 25-yard scamper by freshman Carlos Matias. Jacob Forbes kicked the extra-point, and with 10:37 left in the quarter the Tigers had tied the score at 7-7.

Elba began its next possession at the Slocomb 25-yardline after a short 16-yard punt, and appeared ready to add to its lead when on first down Martin and Morris connected on a 15-yard pass completion. However, two penalties backed the Tigers up, and on fourth down the scoring opportunity went by the board as a Martin pass missed its target.

The Tigers got the ball right back on a fumble recovery by Matthew Brunson at the Slocomb 19-yardline, and on the Tigers' next snap Carlos Matias got the call and raced 19 yards for a Tiger touchdown. Jacob Forbes booted the extra-point, and with 5:36 remaining



HAND TO HAND... Elba Tiger lineman Ryan McCollough (79) tries to fight his way past a Slocomb lineman as teammates Nick Nelson (50), Trey Belcher (24) and Chase Boutwell (74) close in. The Tiger defense stopped the Red Tops three times inside the Elba 15-yardline to preserve Elba's 21-13 win in a key region encounter.

in the second quarter Elba was on top 14-7.

The Elba defense got in on the scoring on the Red Tops next possession, as Trey Belcher chased down a Slocomb runner on the corner, pulled the ball loose and then scooped up the fumble and rammed 23 yards for the Tigers' third touchdown in six minutes. Forbes again added the extra-point as Elba's lead grew to 21-7 with 4:17 still remaining in the second quarter.

Slocomb began its next possession at its own 30-yardline and marched 70 yards in 13 plays to capture the Elba advantage. Quarterback Reece Register sparked the long scoring drive as he gained 20 yards on six carries and completed three of six passes for 32 yards, including a 20-yard touchdown pass to Joey Sasser on a shuttle pass. Elba's Bobby Hudson blocked the extra-point, but with only :06 left on the clock Elba's lead had been cut to 21-13.

The Red Tops turned back an Elba scoring threat early in the third quarter with a pass interception at the Slocomb 7-yardline, and promptly began another long march toward the Tiger endzone. Reece Register com-

pleted a 20-yard pass to keep the drive alive early, while Joey Sasser and Scottie Burdeshaw took turns butting heads with the middle of the Elba defense. The Red Tops reached a fourth down and three just inside the Elba 4, and completed a pass on the fourth down play, only to fall inches short of the first down as the Tigers' Bobby Hudson made a big hit and refused to let the Red Top receiver stretch for the needed yardage.

Elba's next two possessions ended in punts, and with 5:26 remaining in the fourth quarter Slocomb cut the ball in play at its own 35-yardline determined to drive down the field and send the game into overtime.

Joey Sasser gained 30 yards on the initial three plays of the drive to move the Red Tops to the Elba 35, and after a 4-yard gain by Sasser on third down and one, the Red Tops moved the chains and had a first down at the Elba 23-yardline. An 8-yard pass from Register to Sasser and a 9-yard run by Sasser set Slocomb up with a first and goal at the Elba 8-yardline. However, one play later the Red Tops mishandled the snap

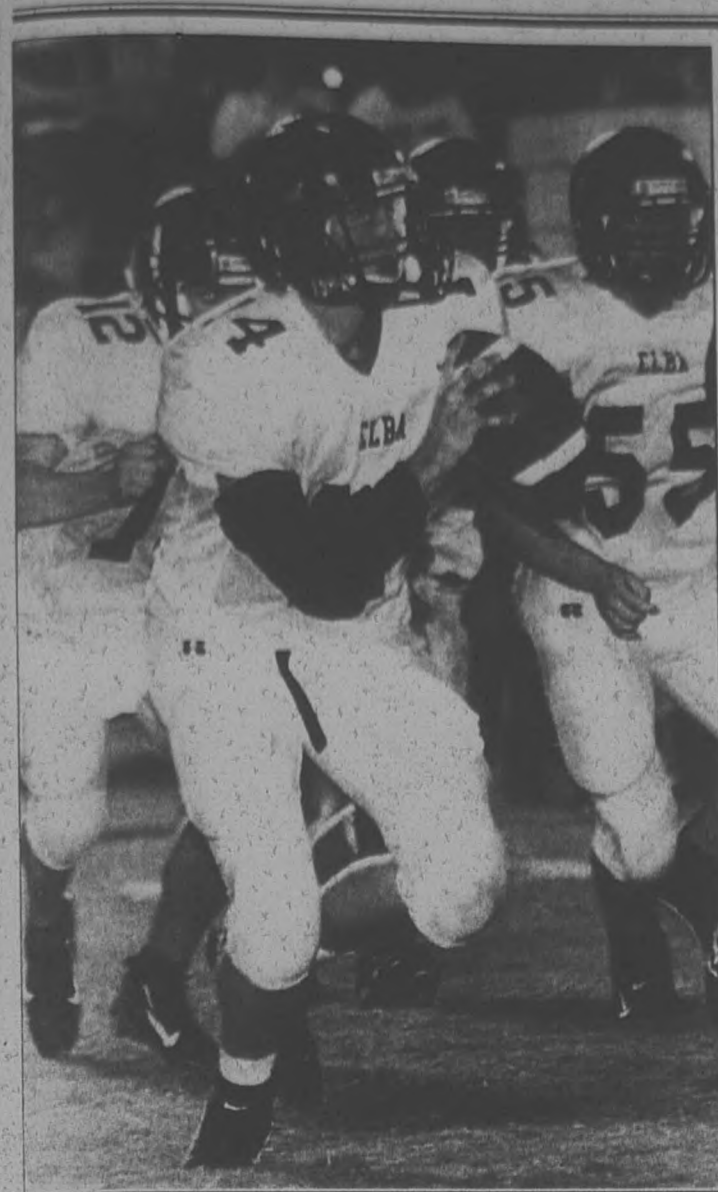
and Elba's Dimetrio Tyson recovered the fumble to end the scoring threat and seal the Tigers' 21-13 win.

Freshman Carlos Matias gained 102 yards on 11 carries and scored 2 touchdowns to lead the Elba offense, while Trey Martin completed 6 of 16 passes for 92 yards. Bobby Hudson made 11 tackles and had 3 assists to spark the Elba defense, while Chase Boutwell added 7 tackles and 2 assists; Dimetrio Tyson had 7 tackles, 1 assist, 1 fumble recovery and 1 forced fumble; and Carlos Matias had 7 tackles.

Joey Sasser gained 225 yards on 35 carries to lead Slocomb, while Reece Register added 21 yards on 10 carries and completed 6 of 12 passes for 62 yards.

STATISTICS

	E	S
1st Downs	8	14
Rushes-Yds.	30-129	56-271
Passing Yds.	92	62
Total Offense	121	333
Passes	6-16-1	6-12-1
Fumbles/Lost	4/2	4/4
Punts-Ave.	4-26	3-28
Penalties-Yds.	4-25	2-10



BACK ON THE JOB... Elba Tiger quarterback Trey Martin (14) rolls out and looks for an open receiver in action last week in Slocomb. Martin missed the Tigers first three games with an injury, but returned Friday night to help lead the Tigers to a 21-13 region win over the Slocomb Red Tops.



LOOKING FOR AN OPENING... Elba Tiger freshman running back Carlos Matias (12) looks for room to run in last week's 21-13 win over Slocomb. Matias gained 102 yards on 11 carries and scored 2 touchdowns to spark the Elba offense.

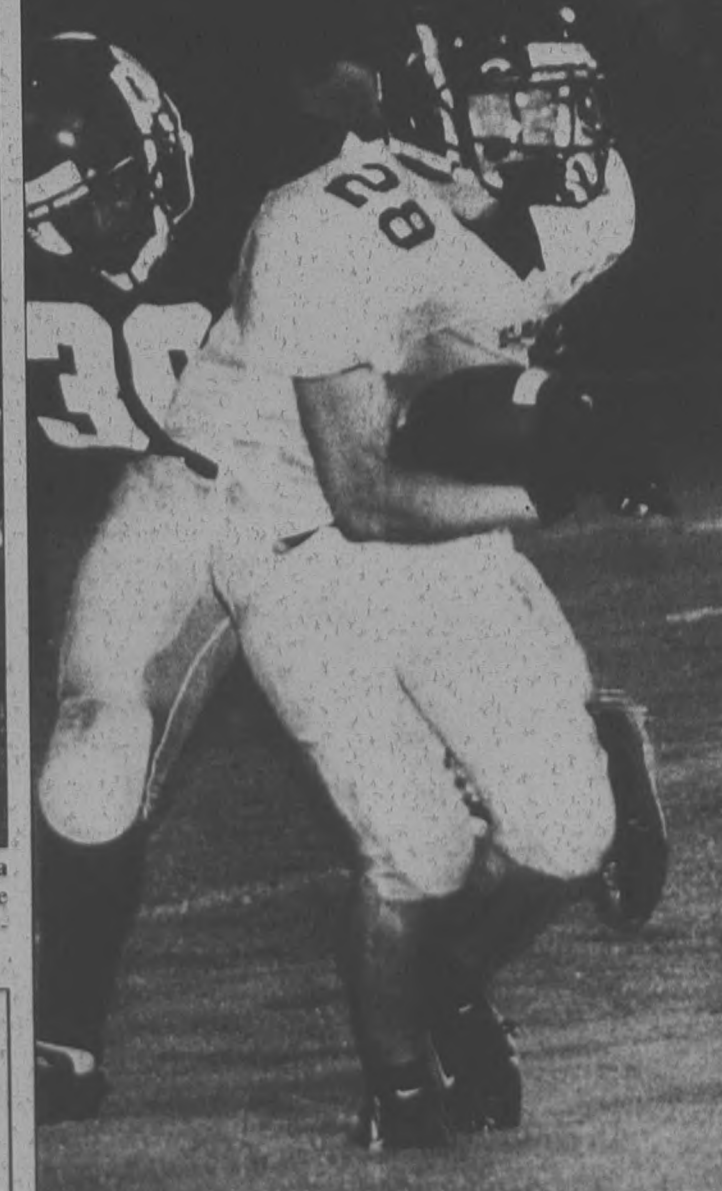


LET THE DANCE LINE DO THE DANCING.... Elba Marching Tiger band members appear ready for the halftime show to end as they perform a dance routine during halftime ceremonies.

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SO LONG... Elba Tiger running back Bobby Hudson (28) pulls away from a would-be Red Top tackler in last week's 21-13 region win. The Tigers will travel to New Brockton Friday night for their annual grudge match against the New Brockton Gamecocks. The kickoff is set for 7:00 PM at Gamecock Stadium.



FIGHTING FOR YARDAGE... Elba's Frank Morris (30) fights for yardage after pulling in a pass in last week's 21-13 win over Slocomb. The Tigers snapped their three-game losing streak with the region win over the Red Tops.

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READY OR NOT... Brantley Bulldogs walk on the field prior to last week's 41-0 region win over Arlton. Pictured above are Westley Spivey (54), Terrell Burnett (22), Dexter Daniels (24) and Terry McClain (7). The Bulldogs remained undefeated with the win and this week will travel to Highland Home to battle the Flying Squadron in a cross-county clash.

Suffer 3rd straight loss

Rebels ambushed in McKenzie 29-25

Statistics and photos by Chris Winters

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw a furious second half rally fall short Friday night in a stunning 29-25 region loss to the McKenzie Tigers.

The loss dropped the Rebels' record to 1-3, 0-3 in region play, while the Tigers upped their record to 2-2, 2-1 against region competition.

Zion Chapel turned the ball over on downs at the McKenzie 42-yardline after its opening drive stalled, and then watched as the Tigers marched 58 yards in 10 plays to grab the early lead.

A 37-yard pass from Sattrick Rudolph to Elrick Ball was a key play in the long scoring march, while the touchdown came on a 1-yard run by Curtis Ball on fourth down and goal. The extra-point was true, and with 4:32 remaining in the first quarter McKenzie was on the scoreboard and in the lead 7-0.

Zion Chapel failed to move the chains on its next two possessions, but McKenzie did enjoy success on offense as the Tigers took the second Rebel punt and drove 50-yards in only four plays to add to their lead. Sattrick Rudolph gained 43 yards on two carries and scored the Tiger touchdown on a 13-yard scamper, and even though the extra-point try failed, McKenzie owned a surprising 13-0 lead with 7:45 left in the second quarter.

The Rebels continued to struggle on offense on their next two possessions as they fumbled

the ball away near midfield and later punted for the third time in the half.

McKenzie began a possession at its own 44-yardline following the Rebel punt, and left the Rebels and their fans in a state of shock as the Tigers needed only two plays to get back into the endzone. A 9-yard run by Armond Ball got the drive started, while the touchdown came when Calvin Henderson took a pitch-out from Sattrick Rudolph, pulled up and lofted a 47-yard halfback pass to Chance Davis. Jarrell Mobley ran in the two-point conversion and with 2:25 left in the half the Tigers were in command with a 21-0 advantage.

Zion Chapel's offense showed signs of life following the Tiger touchdown and behind the running of Joey Jones and Todd Grant marched to a first down at the McKenzie 26-yardline. A penalty against the Rebels gave the Rebels a first down at the McKenzie 13, but a penalty against Zion Chapel and a 6-yard loss backed the Rebels up to the 24, and time ran out before the Rebels could reach the endzone as at the half the Tigers were in with a big 21-0 lead.

McKenzie received the second half kickoff and needed only one play to add to its lead as on the Tigers first play from scrimmage Elrick Ball broke lose and raced 78 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but with only 11-seconds gone in the second half McKenzie's lead was up to 27-0.

Zion Chapel began its ensuing

possession at its own 45-yardline after a 39-yard kick return by Todd Grant, and promptly marched 55 yards in nine plays to get on the scoreboard. A 15-yard penalty against McKenzie helped jump-start the Rebel drive, while the touchdown came when Jacob Legg scored on a six-yard scamper. The extra-point try was blocked, but with 7:57 remaining in the third quarter the Rebels were still alive and kicking and they trailed 27-6.

The two region rivals swapped fumbles on their next possessions, with Zion Chapel's Stetson Petty making the Rebel recovery at the McKenzie 45-yardline.

A bad snap on a Zion Chapel punt attempt sailed into the endzone for a safety as McKenzie's lead went to 29-6 late in the third quarter. However, the Rebels refused to fold their tents and 'head home' as on the ensuing free kick Zion Chapel converted an on-sides kick to put the ball in play at its own 35-yardline.

A 35-yard pass completion from Joey Jones to Gatlin Carnley got the ensuing drive off to a fast start, and one play later the Rebels were back in the endzone when B.J. McLeod tossed an 11-yard touchdown pass to Carnley. A two-point conversion failed, and with 3:11 remaining in the third quarter the Rebels had cut the Tigers' lead to 29-12.

Zion Chapel lost a fumble on its next possession, but got the ball back on a fumble recovery by Blake Little at the Rebel 6-yardline, and the Rebels took advantage of the turnover as they marched 94 yards in 11 plays to cut into the McKenzie lead.

A pass interference penalty against the Tigers wiped out an interception and gave the Rebels some breathing room at the Zion Chapel 26, while a 13-yard run by Luke Peters and a 9-yard pass from Joey Jones to Kelsey Roberts helped the Rebels cross the midfield stripe. A 24-yard run by Peters and a 14-yard dash by Roberts moved Zion Chapel to the Tiger 10, and on the next play Joey Jones went to the air and tossed a 10-yard touchdown pass to Gatlin Carnley. The extra-point was successful, and with 3:22 remaining in the game Zion Chapel had pulled within 29-19.

After a punt and an exchange of fumbles Zion Chapel put the ball in play at its own 32-yardline. The Rebels trailed by 10 points with time running out. However, they again headed back down the field and scored their fourth touchdown of the half. A 21-yard pass from Joey Jones to Josh Nelson was a key play in the 68-yard scoring march, while the touchdown came on a 20-yard run by Kelsey Roberts with only 34 seconds remaining in the game. A two-point conversion failed, and an on-sides kick attempt also failed, as Zion Chapel suffered the 29-25 upset loss to McKenzie.

Hunter Wise gained 108 yards on 21 carries to lead Zion Chapel, while Kelsey Roberts added 57 yards on 7 carries and Luke Peters had 53 yards on 6 carries.

For 4th straight shut-out

Bulldogs blank Arlton 41-0

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs got touchdowns from four different players and 196 yards rushing from Chris Booker Friday night as they posted an impressive 41-0 road win over the Arlton Purple Cats.

The hard-hitting Bulldog defense posted its fourth straight shut-out of the season as Brantley improved to 4-0, 3-0 in region competition.

On the game's first possession, Brantley used a 27-yard pass from Jonathan Helms to Chris Booker and a 14-yard run by Booker to move to the Arlton 19-yardline. A 16-yard loss and two incompletions ended the scoring threat; however, and the Bulldogs were forced to punt the ball away.

Brantley began its second possession at its own 30-yardline and put together a nine play drive that ended with a touchdown as Chris Booker took a handoff and went around right end on a 28-yard scamper. Marcus Owens booted the extra-point with 2:40 remaining in the first quarter the Bulldogs were ahead 7-0.

Brantley began its next offensive series at its own 41-yardline after an Arlton punt, and the Bulldogs again wasted little time moving down the field to add to their lead. James Pittman gained 10 yards on first down, followed by an 11-yard dash by Chris Booker. A 23-yard pass completion to Booker moved the ball to the Purple Cat 7-yardline, and after a six-yard gain by Jeffery Daniels, the Bulldogs bulled over from a yard out for the Bulldog score. Owens added the extra-point as the Bulldogs' lead went to 14-0 with 8:14 left in the second quarter.

The two region rivals went in halftime with the score still standing at 14-0, while as the second half opened the Purple Cats finally showed signs of life

offensively as they mounted a 10-play drive that reached the Brantley 36-yardline. The Bulldogs defense rose to the challenge as the Cats got close, and turned back the threat to force a punt.

Brantley put the ball in play at its own 8-yardline following a punt and raced downfield to add to its lead. Anthony Gulley had runs of 22 and 11 yards to spark the 10-play scoring drive, while Chris Booker scored the touchdown on a 14-yard dash. Marcus Owens tacked on the extra-point as Brantley's lead went to 21-0 with 1:42 remaining in the third quarter.

Arlton gambled on its next possession when the Purple Cats went for a first down on fourth down and three at the Arlton 42-yardline. The Cats Justin Master was stopped short on the fourth down play at the 44-yardline, and from there Brantley needed only three plays to get right back into the endzone.



SO LONG PURPLE CAT... Brantley's James Pittman (5) leaves a would be Purple Cat tackler on the grass after making a move in last week's big 41-0 win over Arlton. Pittman gained 67 yards on 9 carries in the big region win.

James Pittman scored the touchdown on a 15-yard run around the left end, and although the extra-point failed, the Bulldogs were in complete control as they led 27-0 with 10:43 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Anthony Gulley led the Bulldogs on a 75-yard scoring drive with runs of 36, 10 and 1 yards to spark Brantley on its next possession. The touchdown came on a 1-yard sneak by Gulley, and Owens kicked the extra-point as Brantley's lead went to 34-0 with 6:56 still remaining in the fourth quarter.

Brantley's Landon Morgan recovered a Purple Cat fumble at the Arlton 15-yardline on play after the ensuing kickoff, and the Bulldogs cashed in the turnover when Jeffery Daniels bulled over from 3 yards out. Marcus Owens added the extra-

points to close out the scoring with Brantley claiming the win 41-0.

Chris Booker had 19 carries for 196 yards and 2 catches for 50 yards and 2 touchdowns to lead Brantley, while Anthony Gulley added 86 yards on 9 carries and James Pittman had 67 yards on 9 totes. Justin Masters led Arlton with 48 yards on 17 carries.

STATISTICS

B	25	1st Downs	A
45-373	Rushes-Yds.	35-61	
68	Passing Yds.	8	
44	Total Offense	69	
4-10-0	Passes	1-6-0	
11	Return Yds.	46	
0	Fumbles Lost	1	
10-100	Penalties-Yds.	4-31	
1-32	Punts-Ave.	6-30	

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BULLDOGS RUSH THE PUNT... Kinston's Rob Sanders (76) and Garrett Kelley (58) apply pressure as they attempt to rush a punter in last week's region setback to Florala. Friday night the Bulldogs will host the Samson Tigers for homecoming.

In 35-13 loss to Florala

Second half dooms Bulldog hopes

By Scott Johnson
Photos by Mary Johnson

Kinston traveled south to take on the Florala Wildcats Friday night and showed they have the talent to be a contender, but committed too many mistakes to remain in the game as the Wildcats pulled away from a 7-7 halftime tie and took advantage of two interceptions and several fumbles to send the Dawgs home with a 35-13 loss.

After a solid return to the 39 yard line, Kinston found early success with a hard hitting ground attack. Brad Elmore, John Moss, and Erick Odom each pounded out a solid run and Jonathon Edwards carried 3 pre-times as the Bulldogs moved inside the Wildcat 20-yardline.

The drive came to an abrupt halt when Florala picked off Kinston's first pass attempt of the game and retreated it all the way to the Kinston 26 yard line.

The Wildcats cashed in on their first play from scrimmage and scored on a 26 yard sweep around right end for an early 7-0 lead.

Jonathon Edwards and Brad Elmore combined to move the chains once, but Zack Grondin was called on to punt. Good coverage on the punt and penalty on the return nipped the Wildcats inside the 15-yard line and stirred the Kinston faithful. Florala scratched out one first down before the Bulldogs forced a fumble that Brad Elmore recovered at the Wildcat 25 yard line.

Brad Elmore and Erick Odom combined for a first down and a Florala penalty gave the Dawgs another. John Moss scored his first rushing touchdown of the year on a 7-yard scamper around left end, and Brad Elmore's extra-point evened the game at 7-7 with 1:56 in the opening quarter.

The Bulldog defense got after the Cats again on Florala's ensu-

ing possession as Kyle Sparks and Erick Odom had big steps to force a punt on fourth and 13.

Aaron Jacobs connected with Charlie Hercus for 12 yards, and Erick Odom and John Moss combined for another first down across midfield. Another Charlie Hercus reception lead to first down, and Jonathon Edwards picked up a first down inside the Wildcats' 15-yard line. Kinston's red zone woes continued; however, when Florala picked off a Kinston pass to end the drive.

Florala picked up a first down to the 23-yardline, and then ran a sweep around left end for 45 yards before Matt Whigham could make the tackle and prevent the touchdown. Another series on runs gave Florala a first down inside the 11 yard line just before the half, but Erick Odom led the Bulldog defense in forcing a fourth and 3 with 16 seconds in the half, and Kinston's defense held the line.

Not only did Kinston run up the middle fail to reach the endzone, a measurement showed the ball was short of the first down, as Kinston took over on downs and halftime found the game knotted 7-7.

Kinston's defense began the second half with another solid stand as Rob Sanders, Erick Odom, and Garret Moore led the effort to force a Wildcat punt. The Bulldogs also punted and this time Florala cashed in. The Bulldog defense applied pressure in the backfield and had the runner in its grasp, but somehow he slipped free to avoid a huge loss and scrambled 45 yards to put the Wildcats back on top 13-7.

The Bulldogs set up a nice return that had a chance to go all the way, but the football was stripped free by one of the last defenders, and the Wildcats recovered near midfield. Two plays later Florala scored an 8-29 yard scamper down the left

sideline and completed the 2-point conversion for a 21-7 lead.

Kinston moved deep into Florala territory on solid running by Erick Odom and Jonathon Edwards, but a fumble on a pitch-out gave the ball back to Florala. Kinston regained possession after Jonathon Golden and Brad Elmore combined for a tackle for a loss on third down, and Florala turned the ball over on downs near midfield late in the third quarter.

Trail by two touchdowns, Kinston fumbled the football on fourth and short, and Florala put the game out of reach on a 42-yard touchdown pass as the quarter expired.

Leading by three touchdowns, the Wildcats caught the Bulldogs with an unexpected inside kick on the first play of the final quarter, and tacked on another touchdown.

After punting back to the Wildcats, the Dawgs regained possession by again repelling a scoring drive inside the 10-yard line. J. R. Fleming and Erick Odom led the defensive stand and Kinston took over on downs with 3:35 left to play.

Kinston's John Moss pulled in a 24-yard pass down the left sideline and Jonathon Edwards took an inside handoff 20 yards to reach Wildcat territory. Erick Odom picked up 45 yards on 3 huge carries, and Jonathon Edwards scored from inside the 1 yard line for the final score 35-13.

The Bulldogs will host the Samson Tigers next week for homecoming. The teams have an equal record and this match up is always played tough, but the Bulldogs will be motivated by a packed homecoming crowd. After seeing potential victories slip away in the last three weeks, that extra determination might be all that's needed to give the Bulldogs their first win of the season!



IS IT THE SOCKS... Elba Lady Tiger Janae Carnley serves during a recent win. The Lady Tigers wrapped up the area title last week with a win over Pike County.

Remain winless on season

Gamecocks clawed by Bears 49-18

Story and photos by Michael Jenkins

The New Brockton Gamecocks hosted the Cottonwood Bears Friday night in a key region match-up and saw their victory drought continue as they were outscored 49-18.

The loss dropped the Gamecocks' record to 0-4, 0-3 in region play, while the Bears improved their record to 4-0, 3-0 in region action.

Cottonwood received the opening kickoff and gave everyone in attendance a preview of things to come as the Bears easily marched 66 yards to grab an early 6-0 advantage.

New Brockton moved the chains only once on its initial possession, but then used some trickery as on fourth down Jr. Magwood faked a Gamecock punt and raced 72 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point failed, but with 5:42 remaining 28-yard run to open up a 20-6 advantage after only one quarter of play.

The Bears scored on their next two possessions to open up a 35-6 lead with 2:37 left in the second quarter, but then watched as New Brockton's offense came to life and reached the endzone to cut into the lead.

The Gamecock touchdown came on a 66-yard pass from Tevin McNair to Jr. Magwood, and although the two-point try failed, the Gamecocks were still alive as they had cut the Cottonwood lead to 35-12 with 2:37 remaining in the half.

Cottonwood answered the New Brockton score with a late touchdown of its own and at the half the Bears went in with a commanding 42-12 advantage.

Jr. Magwood gained 114 yards on 7 carries and scored 2 touchdowns to lead the New Brockton offense, while Tevin McNair gained 34 yards on 15 carries and completed 4 of 7 passes for 90 yards and 1 touchdown. Jr. Magwood caught 3 passes for 112 yards and 1 touchdown. The Gamecock defense was led by Adam Crosby with 17 tackles and 1 sack, while Sheridan Foster had 12 stops, Trey Bradley had 7



NO JOY FOR GAMECOCKS... New Brockton's Adam Crosby (78) is tired and dejected on the sidelines after another Gamecock loss. Crosby made 17 tackles, 1 sack and 1 forced fumble in last week's loss to Cottonwood. The Gamecocks will be looking to snap their four-game losing streak Friday night when they host the Elba Tigers.

Cottonwood upped its lead to 49-12 early in the third quarter to put the game out of reach, and while the Gamecocks did score in the fourth quarter on an 11-yard run by Jr. Magwood, it was way too little, way too late, as Cottonwood remained atop the region standings with the big 49-18 win.

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stops and a fumble recovery, and Devon Muhammad had 7 tackles.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association to meet

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Members of the General Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy recently attended the Alabama Division UDC Convention in Mobile, Alabama. Pictured left to right: Shirley Edberg, Chapter President; Constance Ansley of Huntville, Alabama Division President; Esther Cope of Charleston, SC, President General; Donna Clark; Lavinia Helms.

Don't Forget

The Health Fair this Saturday September 30
on the square 9:00 Until Noon
For more Details See Page 8.

Troy University Theatre plans exciting new season

Troy University's University Theatre opens its season Oct. 5 with "Lunchtime Cabaret," one of several new innovations within the theater department.

Troy University Theatre's first Lunchtime Cabaret will feature a meal and several top-notch entertainers. The event is scheduled for 12 p.m. Oct. 5 in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor. Tickets are on sale now in the Trojan Center Box Office.

Among those changes is a new residence, an upstairs theatre and a design and technology lab in Malone Hall.

Another addition to the fall lineup is the production of The Women of Lockerbie that delves into the bombing of a Pan American Airlines flight over Lockerbie, Scotland. The production features a musical score written by *****TROY alumnus Thomas Newman, who

recently completed a master of fine arts degree at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. He is a former music director of the Elba United Methodist Church. Another change for the department is the production of two musical comedies in repertory in April. Those productions will be Forever Plaid and Nunsense. Both shows also feature a gourmet meal.

In November, the department will be presenting Page to Stage, a collage of scenes, monologues and songs ranging from classical to contemporary. These productions will take place in the Trojan Center Theatre.

Summer of 2007 will also bring Damn Yankees, a musical comedy based on Douglass Wallop's novel 'The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant.' This production is scheduled to run in early July.

Listing of Performances
September 23: 36 hour SLAM- 10 minute plays in Performance Studio 7 p.m.

October 5: Lunchtime Cabaret- Long Hall of Honor- 12 p.m.

October 6: ACT- 10 minute play showcase- Malone Hall Performance Studio 3 p.m.

October 19 - 21, 23: "The Women of Lockerbie"- TC Theatre 7:30 p.m.

November 15-16: "Page to Stage- Theatre Alive!" - TC Theatre 7 p.m.

January 30-31: Student Directed Studio Production- Malone Hall Performance Studio 7:30

March 14-15: "Page to Stage- Theatre Alive!" - TC Theatre 7 p.m.

April 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21: "Forever Plaid" and "Nunsense" Dinner Theatre- Trojan Center Theatre- Dinner at 6:30, show at 8.

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New Brockton Town Council holds routine meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council conducted a quick and routine monthly meeting Monday evening, Oct. 2, as several updates were provided.

Following his report of monthly citations and incident/offense reports from the department, Police Chief Dale Grimes asked council members to consider sending Michael Darbro to the police academy for training.

Council member Vicky Harrison asked if the town currently has funds available to send anyone to the police academy.

Town clerk Annette Williams said not currently, but the funds would be available by the time Darbro is expected to go to the academy.

Council members voted unanimously to approve Grimes' request.

Mayor Charles Cole provided an update regarding the Tyler Street road project. He said the bids were received and opened. Cole said he understands that Carter Construction Company of Andalusia was awarded the bid at \$237,310.

"We are so glad to see the bids opened and awarded," Cole said in regards to the project. "Hopefully, work will begin soon."

While on the subject of Tyler Street, Mayor Cole also said he remains concerned about the Hwy. 34 project where it will cross Tyler Street. Being so near to the high school, Cole said it concerns him that the intersection will not have a red light.

There will be stop signs on Tyler Street at the intersection, however, Mayor Cole said he worries this will not be good enough especially for the buses trying to cross four lanes of traffic. He encouraged everyone to contact local representatives regarding this in an effort to try and get additional safety features for this intersection.

Mayor Cole said the progress continues to be made on the demolition grant project. He said Phase I is nearing completion while Phase II has been advertised.

Mayor Cole said the town submitted a bid to purchase the National Guard Armory building in New Brockton. He said the submitted bid for the building was \$45,000, and he has been informed the town can purchase the building for that amount.

The National Guard soon will be vacating the building.

Cole said he feels real good about this. He said it's up to the town now to come up with the money.

Other announcements made during the meeting included:

- New Brockton Town Hall offices will be closed Monday, Oct. 9, in observance of Columbus Day.

- The New Brockton Christmas pageants will be held Saturday, Nov. 11, beginning at 5 p.m. at the New Brockton High School.

- The New Brockton Christmas Parade will be Saturday, Dec. 2, and committee members said they are looking forward to a very good Christmas parade.

- Mayor Cole named Carr Riggs & Ingram of Enterprise as auditors.



New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole is shown above inspecting the new fire truck recently acquired by the New Brockton Volunteer Fire Department.

As Elba Chamber of Commerce begins busy season

"Old Haunted Jail" returns for more spooky adventures

by Linda Hodge, Editor

October begins a busy yet exciting season for the Elba Chamber of Commerce as many events are planned for the upcoming months.

Plans currently are being made for the second annual "Old Haunted Jail" event. The haunted jail will be open seven nights during the month of October for those interested in a frightful adventure.

A huge fund raising event for the Elba Chamber of Commerce, the "Old Haunted Jail" has become a favorite event for everyone involved.

Chamber officials assure everyone that while the event features the same location, the haunting will be filled with many new scenes and creatures. However, there also may still be a few familiar scary foes to contend with during the haunting.

Of course, the former Coffee County Jail building, located on

Putnam Street in Elba (next to the Elba Chamber of Commerce office), is the setting for the "Old Haunted Jail." The dates for this year's haunted house will be October 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 30 and 31. Additional information will be made available as details are finalized.

A work day has been scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 7, beginning at 9 a.m. at the jail for those helping with the haunted jail event.

Another very popular event sponsored by the Chamber during the month of October is "Pumpkins on the Square." As always, chamber officials consider this event as a kickoff for the holiday season.

"Pumpkins on the Square" will be held Tuesday, Oct. 31 (Halloween), from 5:30-7 p.m. on the square in Elba.

Merchants around the square are asked to decorate their storefronts in a fall theme. Also, merchants are asked to display

their Halloween spirit by dressing in costume. All merchants are encouraged to treat children in costume with candies.

Due to the overwhelming response again last year, chamber officials are asking for candy donations that will be distributed to the merchants. Candy donations may be dropped off at the Chamber of Commerce office. Any business that is not located around the square is welcome to set-up and distribute candy to young trick-or-treaters.

To add to the festivities, there will be a Children's Halloween Costume Contest. Judges will be present to select the scariest, or most original costume in each age division. Winners will receive a certificate along with a prize. Age divisions are as follows: 1 month to 12 months, 2 years to 3 years, 4 years to 5 years, 1st grade thru 3rd grade and 4th grade thru 6th grade.

As always, the month of



HEALTH FAIR ALLOWS CITIZENS TO GET CHECKED...The Elba General Hospital & Nursing Home and Elba Chamber of Commerce jointed sponsored the annual Health Fair and Business Expo last Saturday, Sept. 30, on the square in Elba. Many local citizens used the opportunity as a quick check-up as free screenings were provided for: blood sugar, cholesterol, blood pressure, breathing strength, osteoporosis, sleep disorders, vision and hearing (the vision and hearing screening were sponsored by the Elba Lion's Club). Mary McMillan (right) was among the many Elba citizens receiving a check on blood sugar and cholesterol. While most did not look forward to having their finger pricked, everyone seemed to agree that a small amount of pain was well worth the free screening. The health fair also allowed citizens to acquire information on several matters including: home medical equipment, long term care, nutrition, smoking cessation, breast cancer awareness, emergency rescue, fire safety, fall prevention, home health care, diabetes, hypertension and animal safety. More than 15 businesses participated in the business expo portion of the event and each provided local citizens with valuable information regarding their services and also a few free treats. The day's events also included a Red Cross Blood Drive in which local citizens helped the organization surpass the day's goal.

Elba recognizes Oct. 2-6 as Public Natural Gas Week

The Southeast Alabama Gas District (SEAGD) along with other natural gas systems across the nation this week is observing Public Natural Gas Week.

In recognition of the week, Elba Mayor James Grimes

signed a proclamation Wednesday, Sept. 27, in honor of the city's support for the natural gas industry.

Public Natural Gas Week is a cooperative effort among all segments of the natural gas industry and increases public awareness of the advantages of public gas. Natural gas is said to be among the cleanest and most affordable fuels available.

Greg Henderson, president and CEO of The Southeast Alabama Gas District, said

SEAGD is pleased and excited to be able to participate in this important effort.

The SEAGD will observe Public Natural Gas Week with Open House at each of the company's three divisional offices. In addition, smaller celebrations will take place at offices in Abbeville, Brundidge, Daleville, Elba, Eufaula, Greenville, Headland, Luverne, Opp, Ozark and Troy.

Open House in Elba will be Thursday, Oct. 5.



Elba Mayor James Grimes (left) signed a proclamation last week proclaiming Oct. 2-6 as Public Natural Gas Week in Elba. Shown above with Mayor Grimes is Don King, representing The Southeast Alabama Gas District.

NOTICE

The Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross conducted a Blood Drive last Saturday, Sept. 30, in Elba.

On Monday of this week, Alma West, Coffee County volunteer blood drive coordinator, reported an every wheeling response for the blood drive. She said the need for the blood drive was 25 pints, and the people of Elba donated a total of 30 pints of blood during the drive.

"I am so proud of Elba," West said. "Your kindness will never ever be forgotten. You go Elba!"

West said the Red Cross will return soon to the Elba area for another blood drive, and she definitely wanted to say "thank you" for last week's support.

Area Happenings

THE 2006 FOOTBALL SEASON enters week six Friday, Oct. 6, with all area teams in action. The Elba Tigers will travel to Pike County, the New Brockton Gamecocks will travel to G.W. Long, the Kinston Bulldogs will host Arizon, the Zion Chapel Rebels will host Providence Christian and the Bramley Bulldogs will travel to McKenzie. Kickoff for all games is 7 p.m.

PARENT VISITATION AT ELBA HIGH SCHOOL will be Thursday, Oct. 12, from 3-6:30 p.m. During this time, parents will be able to pick up report cards and visit with teachers.

A TRAIL ENROLLMENT MEETING will be held Monday, Oct. 23, at Elba High School beginning at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. Parents interested in their child taking college classes while in high school should attend this meeting.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL WILL CELEBRATE HOMEcoming Friday, Oct. 27. Festivities will begin with the Coronation at 10 a.m. in the stadium. HHS will honor the Class of 1976 with a tea at 1 p.m. in the Family and Consumer Science Department. The parade will be at 3 p.m. from the old high school location. Entries should be listed by calling Margaret Williams at Elba High School, 897-2366. Friday night the Homecoming Court will be presented at 6:30 p.m. followed by the game with Abbeville at 7 p.m.

Protect Meet the Elba Police



Sgt. James A. Dozier.

Patrol Sergeant James A. Dozier joined the Elba Police Department 10 1/2 years ago and has enjoyed his years of service to the community.

In all, Sgt. Dozier has spent 12 years in law enforcement. He also served 1 1/2 years with the Opp Police Department.

When asked about his most memorable experience, Sgt. Dozier said, "helping victims in the 1998 flood of Elba, Ala."

His special/advanced training includes Alabama POST certification and the completion of hosts of training courses and classes for law enforcement.

Beyond the department, Sgt. Dozier said he enjoys fishing, singing and visiting old friends. His family includes his wife Deborah; daughters Shaerail Russell, Chelsea Dozier and Keyona Dozier; and his son Trey Dozier.